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RE: Application Serial No.: 09/719,554
Applicants: Patrick M. ALLIEL, et al.
Filing Date: January 18, 2001
For: NUCLEIC SEQUENCE AND DEDUCED PROTEIN
SEQUENCE FAMILY WITH HUMAN
ENDOGENOUS RETROVIRAL MOTIFS, AND
THEIR USES
Group Art Unit: 1648
Examiner: Chen, S.B.
Allowed: October 6, 2004

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a)(3)
Form PTO 1449**

**Copy of Date-stamped Filing Receipt dated December 26, 2000
Copy of International Search Report filed December 26, 2000**

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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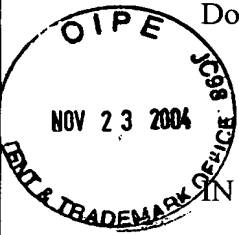
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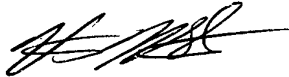
Petitioners respectfully request the Office to invoke the supervising authority of the Commissioner and consider Petitioners' Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.312, concurrently filed herewith, and also indicate that the references cited in the International Search Report filed on December 26, 2000, have been considered. Petitioners respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of same by providing Applicants with an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 enclosed herewith listing these references. Petitioners submit herewith a copy of the International Search Report as filed on December 26, 2000, along with a copy of the date-stamped filing receipt evidencing the timely filing thereof.

For the reasons given above, this petition should be GRANTED.

Respectfully submitted,

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☒ Additional References sheet(s) attached

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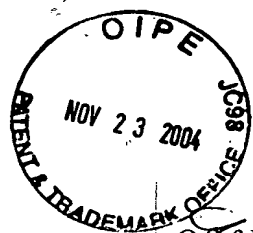
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O. S. & M. File No. 200936US0PCT By NFO/dty FF Due Date 12/23/00

Serial No. New U.S. PCT Application based on PCT/FR99/01513

In the Matter of the Application of Patrick M. ALLIEL, et al.

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The following has been received in the U.S. Patent Office on the date stamped hereon:

☒ 69 pgs. Specification 37 Claims (English Translation) 84 Sequence Listing

☐ Combined Declaration, Petition & Power of Attorney (pages)

☐ Petition of Revive Under 37 C.F.R. 1.137 (b)

☒ Notice of Priority;

☒ Check for \$ 1,536.00 ;

☒ Dep. Acct. Order Form

☐ Assignment pages/PTO-1595

☒ Drawings 64 sheets

☒ PCT Transmittal Letter

☒ Preliminary Amendment

☒ PCT/IB/304

☒ PCT/IB/308

☐ International Preliminary Examination Report

☐ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ PTO-1449

☐ Cited References ()

☐ Statement of Relevancy

☐ List of Related Cases

☐ Cited Pending Applications (#)

☒ International Search Report

☒ Request for Consideration of Documents Cited in International Search Report

☐ Letter Regarding Translation of Annexes

☐ Translation of Annexes to International Preliminary Examination Report

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 6 C12N15/48 C12Q1/70 C07K14/15 A61K31/70

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 6 C12N C12Q C07K A61K

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	WO 98 23755 A (BIO MERIEUX) 4 June 1998 (1998-06-04) Comparez nucléotides 1-1462 de SEQ ID NO:117 avec nucléotides 928-2390 de SEQ ID NO:1 de la présente demande; comparez SEQ ID NO:118 avec SEQ ID NOs:22 et 120 de la présente demande ---	1,3-12, 14-36
X	Database GenBank. Séquence HSAC 000064 Clone humain BAC RG083M05 de 7q21-7q22, séquence complet. 17 novembre 1996. XP002118730 Comparez nucléotides 28000-38500 d' AC00064 avec SEQ ID NO:3 --- -/-	1-4,13

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

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Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	<p>ALLIEL PM ET AL: "Séquences rétrovirales endogènes anlogues à celle du nouveau rétrovirus MSRV associé à la sclérose en plaques (première partie)"</p> <p>COMPTES RENDUS DES SEANCES DE L'ACADEMIE DES SCIENCES SERIE III: SCIENCES DE LA VIE.,</p> <p>vol. 321, no. 6, June 1998 (1998-06),</p> <p>pages 495-499, XP002101380</p> <p>MONTREUIL FR</p> <p>figures 2,3</p> <p>---</p>	1,3-12, 14-36
X	<p>Database GenBank Séquence AC X93499</p> <p>mRNA de H. sapiens pour la protéine rab7</p> <p>10 février 1997</p> <p>XP002119234</p> <p>& VITELLI R ET AL: "Molecular cloning and expression analysis of the human rab7 GTP-ase complementary deoxyribonucleic acid"</p> <p>BIOCHEMICAL AND BIOPHYSICAL RESEARCH COMMUNICATIONS,</p> <p>vol. 229, no. 3, 1996, pages 887-890,</p> <p>ORLANDO, FL US</p> <p>---</p>	1-4
X	<p>FR 2 737 500 A (BIO MERIEUX)</p> <p>7 February 1997 (1997-02-07)</p> <p>cited in the application</p> <p>the whole document</p> <p>---</p>	1,3-12, 14-36
P,X	<p>WO 99 02666 A (BIO MERIEUX)</p> <p>21 January 1999 (1999-01-21)</p> <p>Comparez SEQ ID NOs 130, 117, 114 et 120 avec SEQ ID NOs: 1-3 de cette demande et SEQ ID NO:118 avec SEQ ID NOs:22 et 120 de cette demande</p> <p>---</p>	1,3-12, 14-36
P,X	<p>WO 99 02696 A (BIO MERIEUX ;BESEME FREDERIC (FR); BLOND JEAN LUC (FR); BOUTON OLI) 21 January 1999 (1999-01-21)</p> <p>Comparez SEQ ID NOs: 4, 5, 7, 9 et 11 avec SEQ ID NOs: 1-3 de cette demande.</p> <p>---</p>	1,3-12, 14-36
P,X	<p>ALLIEL PM ET AL: "Rétrovirus endogènes et sclérose en plaques. II. HERV-7q"</p> <p>COMPTES RENDUS DES SEANCES DE L'ACADEMIE DES SCIENCES SERIE III: SCIENCES DE LA VIE.,</p> <p>vol. 321, no. 10, October 1998 (1998-10),</p> <p>pages 857-863, XP002101381</p> <p>MONTREUIL FR</p> <p>the whole document</p> <p>---</p> <p>-/--</p>	1,3-12, 14-36

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C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
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P,X	WO 99 26972 A (GENETICS INSTITUTE, INC.) 3 June 1999 (1999-06-03) comparez SEQ ID NO:4 avec a.a. 131-668 de séquence 22 de cette demande ---	1-4
A	MITANI M ET AL: "Suppressive effect on polyclonal B-cell activation of a synthetic peptide homologous to a transmembrane component of oncogenic retrovirus" PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF USA, vol. 84, no. 1, January 1987 (1987-01), pages 237-240, XP002118729 WASHINGTON US cited in the application the whole document -----	24,25

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 8
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

See supplementary sheet INFORMATION FOLLOW-UP PCT/ISA/210

3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

See supplementary sheet

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☒ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

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The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

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No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

The International Searching Authority found several (groups of) inventions in the international application, namely:

1. Claims: 1, 9, 21-23, 26 (wholly), 28, 10-20 and 27-37 (partly)

Nucleic acid fragments derived from HERV-7q env, diagnostic reagents, diagnostic applications and kits, peptides, pharmaceutical compositions and applications, antibodies and corresponding transgenic animals.

2. Claims: 2-7, 10-20, 27-37 (all partly)

Nucleic acid fragments derived from HERV-7q gag, diagnostic reagents, diagnostic applications and kits, peptides, pharmaceutical compositions and applications, antibodies and corresponding transgenic animals.

3. Claims: 2-7, 10-20, 27-37 (all partly)

Human nucleic acid fragments similar to HERV-7q gag, diagnostic reagents, diagnostic applications and kits, peptides, pharmaceutical compositions and applications, antibodies and corresponding transgenic animals.

4. Claims: 24, 25

Compositions comprising a CKS-type motif, inasmuch as said compositions do not contain a sequence as per the first invention.

Continuation of Box I.2

Claim No: 8

Claim 8 concerns a very wide variety of compounds. A support basis as defined in PCT Article 6 and a description as defined in PCT Article 5 can however be found for only a very limited number of the claimed compounds. In the present case, the claims are so lacking in support basis and the disclosure of the invention in the description is so limited that it is impossible to carry out any significant search concerning the whole claimed spectrum.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims concerning inventions in respect of which no search report has been established need not be the subject of a preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 66.1 (e)). The applicant is warned that the guideline adopted by the EPO acting in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority is not to proceed with a preliminary examination of a subject matter unless a search has been carried out thereon. This position will remain unchanged, notwithstanding that the claims have or have not been modified, either after receiving the search report, or during any procedure under Chapter II.

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Information on patent family members

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